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Outside Report on Police Department Suggests 96 Changes, Finds Morale High

by Mavis Fletcher

Public Administration Service, the Virginia firm hired last year to conduct a study of Greenbelt's police department, has submitted its findings in a report to the city council. The study, which was urged on the city by a group of citizens in 1983, became a campaign issue in the last city election.

At an April 11 work session on the final draft of the report, Peter Belmio, Director of Criminal Justice Services for PAS, prefaced his summary of the findings by saying that, in general, the police department is going in the right direction, that positive things are happening in the department, and that the study should be used to promote discussion and develop a consensus on police services. He also warned that reports of this kind tend to accentuate negative rather than positive elements in the department. As Belmio put it, "That's what we are hired to do."

Staffing & Other Proposals

Among the recommendations Belmio singled out for discussion

were those which dealt with staffing (always "the toughest question", he said), the current work schedule and management of the work load. PAS concluded that the present staffing level of sworn officers is adequate to meet the city's needs but that the department should have two additional civilians to relieve officers of paperwork. The report recommended that the current schedule of rotating shifts of equal size be changed to fixed shifts of unequal size to correspond to the workload; more directed, structured patrols should replace the random, "watchman-style" patrols, the study suggests, and the department should discontinue some services which they now perform, such as unlocking cars and providing bank escort to businesses. PAS also recommended that the police take minor crime reports by telephone rather than sending out an officer.

The 96 recommendations in the PAS report range from minor technical changes in radio communications through proposed changes in record forms to a proposed alternative organizational structure for the department. The alternative structure assumes the

implementation of fixed shifts of different sizes.

Reactions

At the work session, Police Chief Frank Hutson expressed agreement with many points made in the report, forty percent of the recommendations were being put into effect, he said, before he got the study. He also noted that, under the Maryland Law-Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights, it is not possible to implement some of the recommendations. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld asked that the chief provide a list of those recommendations which could not be implemented because of legal obstacles.

Lt. James R. Craze later confirmed that the department administration and the Fraternal Order of Police are opposed to fixed shifts because of the stress placed on the officers' personal

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Metro Considers Changes In Two Greenbelt Routes

A public hearing on proposed changes in some Metro bus routes will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Changes affecting Greenbelt are planned for the R 11, which is an express bus running between Edmonston Rd. in Springhill Lake and the New Carrollton Metro station and the R 15, an express running between Greenbelt Center and the New Carrollton station. The reason given is underutilization of the service.

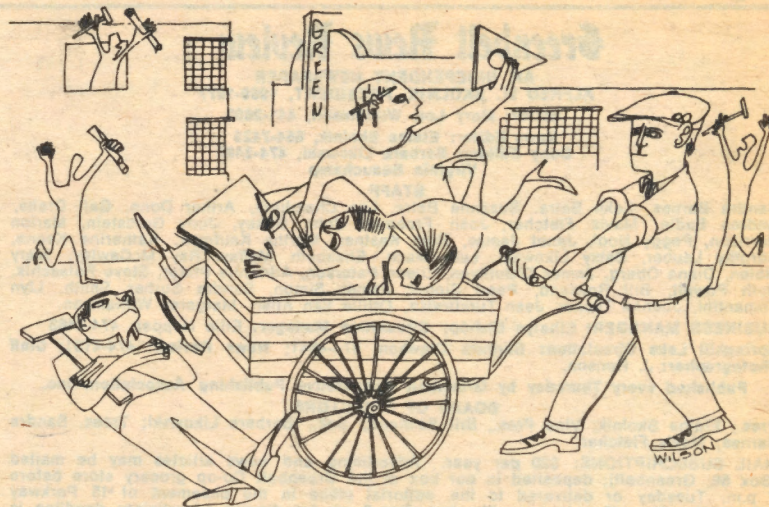
As proposed for the R 11, the 6:50 a.m. and 7:20 a.m. runs from Edmonston Rd. and the 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. runs from the New Carrollton station will be eliminated. Two of the four runs in each direction will be left, those leaving Edmonston Rd. at 6:20 and 7:50 a.m. and those leaving New Carrollton at 5:30 and 6 p.m.

The R 15 does not come as well. The proposal is to eliminate three of the four runs from Greenbelt Center, leaving the 7:35 a.m., and to cancel all runs from New Carrollton to the Center.

A proposal to add a loop to the R 12 which runs between Beltway Plaza and the Deanwood Metro station should not affect Greenbelt riders.

Persons wishing to testify are requested to furnish at least five days prior to the hearing the name, address, telephone number, and organization affiliation, if any, to Mr. Fairfax McCandlish, Public Hearing Assistant, Office of the General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 or by calling 637-1092. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes.

Those people who cannot attend the hearing can send their statement to WMATA not later than five days after the hearing.



—drawing by Forrest Wilson

Merchants' Views of Center Gathered to Guide Charrette

In preparation for the charrette, the 24 merchants and professionals with businesses in the Center have been surveyed about their problems. While 67% feel that their shop or service is convenient for local residents, 41% also feel that one of the disadvantages is the Center's "hidden and remote", location.

At the same time 70% feel that the buildings are at present unattractive, with too much variation in exterior walls. They regard the Mall area itself with its trees and statue as attractive.

Loitering and some vandalism, principally by young persons, is regarded as a problem by a majority of the merchants. The vandalism tends to be seasonal and particularly prevalent during the summer. Noise is not listed as a hindrance, though some complained that radios are sometimes played too loudly and that a few loiterers use profanity too liberally. Interestingly, only 19% of those surveyed consider security and lighting to be problems, possibly because both merchants and the city have addressed these problems during the last five years.

Most Center business is conducted during daytime hours. Only 48% are busy in the evening and 30% on weekends. Most

are closed on Sundays. Parking is regarded by 59% as inadequate, particularly during the Labor Day Festival. Summer recreational activities also limit parking. There is some feeling that signs are needed to tell people not familiar with the Center where to park.

Merchants feel that a desirable addition to the Center would be a "unique" restaurant or cafe. They stress the importance of making this facility different from others in the area, though few are specific as to how to achieve the unique quality. A distant second for a needed facility is the desire for a hardware store.

Many specific suggestions are on the wish list of the merchants. These include putting "more flowers, plants, and bushes" in the center, "put the drinking fountain back in at the center of the Mall," a "covering for bad weather," restoring "the insides" of the buildings, covering sidewalk areas with awnings or glass, and "need to clear some of the trees away in front of the Center to make visibility better."

Magnet Schools Subject Of Public Meeting May 28

The Board of Education has scheduled two public meetings for a presentation and discussion of the Five-Year Comprehensive Plan to Further Desegregate the Prince George's County Public Schools. For this area the meeting will be held on May 28 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School at 7:30 p.m. To register in advance to speak at the meeting call 952-4324.

The desegregation plan, which was approved by the Board of Education on May 9, provides alternative educational programs in integrated "magnet" schools and concentrates extra instructional resources in certain schools that have predominantly black student enrollments.

Twelve magnet schools will open next fall, six as "Workplace Schools" offering extended academic day care and six others as centers for Talented and Gifted Students.

Post Offices Closed For Memorial Day

The post office in Greenbelt will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Postmaster Ford announced today.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., May 30, 10 a.m., Memorial Day Services, Centerway at the War Memorial.

Thurs., May 30, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Board Room

Memorial Day '85

The annual Memorial Day observance for the City of Greenbelt, sponsored by Greenbelt Post No. 136 of the American Legion and the Auxiliary and the Disabled American Veterans, will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 30 at the Greenbelt War Memorial on Centerway. The program will begin with a concert by the members of the Roosevelt High School band.

This solemn remembrance is to pay homage to all Americans who gave their lives in the service and defense of the United States. The public is invited to attend and join in music, speech and ceremony to mark the solemnity and the glory of the day.

Refreshments will be served at the Post Home after the service. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at the same time at the adjacent Youth Center.

Greenbelt to Celebrate 48th Anniversary June 2

Sunday, June 2, marks the City of Greenbelt's 48th Anniversary commemorating its founding and incorporation in June 1937. Traditionally, the first weekend in June is celebrated with a host of community programs, special events and a wide range of recreational activities. For this special occasion, all events are open to the public.

Scheduled for the weekend of May 31, June 1 and 2, all Greenbelt organizations, groups, clubs and businesses are invited to participate. Residents are encouraged to attend the variety of commemorative happenings. Participation may be no more than preparing and displaying home made posters or perhaps a birthday banner acknowledging the occasion.

For listening enjoyment, there will be entertainment on the Roosevelt Center Mall by the Hill City Jazz Band on Saturday. Then, following the Anniversary Address by the Mayor and Councilmembers, Sunday, on the Mall, the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County will be performing. Throughout the weekend there will be special events at the municipal swimming pool and tournaments in tennis, golf and soccer. The recreation centers will host an open house, table games, city historical displays and much more.

Another annual event scheduled is the Arts & Crafts Fair sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center. Held under the trees in the Roosevelt Mall on Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., spectators will

be able to see a variety of demonstrations, plus the Stony Run String Band will repeat last year's performance of bluegrass, folk and mountain gospel songs and music.

This year additional programs will be included. First is the presentation and judging of the Roosevelt Center Charrette design renderings, by community participants and architects, for revitalization of the Roosevelt Center. There will also be a mural painting contest of the Centerway underpass on Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Clergy Association. Awards will be given for the best illustration of Greenbelt heritage. The Greenbelt Branch of the Prince Georges County Library will celebrate its 15th anniversary with an open house and party.

People are invited to bring family and friends and join in the celebration and show city spirit and civic pride! For further details, contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office, weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878.

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Soccer Thoughts

To the Editor:

Now that yet another spring soccer season has come to an end, all that is left is to collect some uniforms (a year round job) and to say thank you. I would like to especially thank the News Review for carrying articles on our program. It means so much to players to see their names and their friends' names and statistics of their team in print. I have seen them with the little articles tucked away in pockets, lunch boxes and backpacks.

I'd like to thank all our volunteer coaches, without whom the program would be impossible: Bill Barron, Jr., Isidore Lynch, Kevin and Sheila Wheatley, Dan Hamlin, Theresa Downs, Doc Jones, Pattie Farley, Robin Dri-Gere, Pattie Ladnier, and Alan Law. Extra special thanks must go to both Lee Johnson and Frank Swahl who coached two teams each in order to accommodate the impressive sign-ups for the 10 year old and 15 year old age groups. Thank you. I know it wasn't easy.

There are so many people in Greenbelt who help make soccer possible. Thank you Public Works for maintaining the fields during the season, and to the Recreation Department for issuing field permits, collecting uniforms and "in general" staff support. Ann Herink has served as liaison between the Boys and Girls Club and the Recreation Department and has been both encouraging and supportive. Kim D'Angelis has provided her rare sense of humor to help me make it through the season. Thanks!

It has been a great season, and I sure do appreciate everyone's help, parental support and encouragement, and look forward to the Fall season.

Sue Cornelius
Soccer Commissioner

Democracy Endangered?

To the Editor:

At the risk of creating clutter on your letters page, I would like to briefly respond to some of Katherine Keene's objections to my earlier letter (in her letter last week).

If Ms. Keene's willingness to trust politicians . . . is widespread, I fear our democracy is really endangered. As a political scientist with about 20 years of political involvement, I can assure Ms. Keene and anyone else that public skepticism is essential to "keep the politicians honest." The need not to depend on trust for that was well understood by our country's founders, who put all manner of checks and balances into the constitution.

Ms. Keene does imply an important point with which I agree, however; there is a danger when

people assume anything and everything said by politicians to be automatically false. I don't, but that can happen when politicians repeatedly are involved in either outright corruption, well-intentioned but inept actions, or zealotry in promoting an issue at the expense of fair and balanced debate. I believe Greenbelt's politicians, in their zeal to pass the recent bond referendum, did not make a fair presentation. The alleged benefits were widely proclaimed (including publications apparently printed and mailed at taxpayers expense) even though the exact projects remain unspecified, while the costs (also unknown) were either ignored or presented in rosy terms.

I profoundly disagree with Ms. Keene's suggestion that politicians "are simply people like the rest of us. . ." They in fact are vested with all sorts of powers the rest of us do not have. For example, if I want to spend money I either have to earn it or persuade someone to either lend or (highly unlikely!) give it to me. But politicians can (and do all the time) simply decide to spend what others have earned whether those who pay the bill approve or not. . . .

Ms. Keene suggests (critically) that I consider myself "superior" to politicians when it comes to economic decisions. She's right—I do. I also believe other people . . . are too. My belief is not based on blind faith, but on the obvious moral and material superiority of relatively economically free societies such as in the U.S., versus the economic (and moral) basket-case societies where politicians do in fact make essentially all the economic decisions, such as in the Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

In sum, even if one assumes that politicians are as honest as everyone else and therefore deserving of trust, experience shows that their efforts tend to, at best, be less efficient and more coercive than when such efforts are undertaken by non-governmental entities. For that reason, my point was that voters and taxpayers should critically examine spending proposals when they have the opportunity to vote on them, but that in the case of the bond referendum it was impossible due to the "blank-check" nature of the proposal.

Franklin L. Gage

Lion Belles Meeting

The Greenbelt Lion Belles, with their husbands as guests, will meet at the home of Margie Harman, 204 Lastner Lane, on Tuesday, May 28. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a pot-luck dinner.

Japanese Dance Troupe

Kotobuki Kai, a Japanese dance group based in Prince Georges County, will present a new program, "Oboro-zuki" (misty moon), at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly on Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8, at 8 p.m. The performance features an authentic dance-drama form which derives from the traditional Kabuki Theatre.

In charge of set construction and general stage manager will be Greenbelter Lee Chambers, a News Review staff member. Stylized, multi-functional sets, which can be changed within one or two minutes, are a special attraction of these productions. Chambers and Gerald King, president of the group, also constructed the traditional cypress flooring that is used for the dances. Dramatic special effects, such as waterfalls and fog, are unusual features of some of the dances.

The performers — mostly native Japanese or first and second-generation Americans of Japanese descent — wear bright-colored costumes, some of which are rare antiques. Since a narrator, Greenbelter Jean Ornstein, introduces the theme or story of each dance before the curtain opens, the folk background and emotional meaning of each performance are made clear to the audience.

Other Greenbelters who are members of the backstage crew are Ron Brooks and Russ Tracy. Yoshiko Waeldner is wardrobe mistress.

The Prince Georges Publick Playhouse for the Performing Arts, a facility of the Department of Parks and Recreation, is located at 5445 Landover Rd. in Cheverly, a few blocks west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. For ticket information call 277-1710. Special rates are available for students and senior citizens and for groups of 10 or more.

Handicraft Course at SHL

"The Business of Handicrafts," a two-session course, will be held from 7 until 10 p.m., Monday, June 10 and Wednesday, June 12 at the Springhill Lake Community Room.

There is a fee. Registrations end three days prior to the class starting date. For additional information, call Prince Georges Community College at 322-0797.

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Varied colors of handmade art and crafts to delight the eye will vie with the sounds of voices and instruments on Saturday, June 1, as the Greenbelt Arts Center's third annual arts and crafts fair fills Roosevelt Center Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With demonstrations of quilting, iron-forging and other crafts, the fair offers handmade bargains as well as the opportunity to see how they are created.

Musicians will be performing throughout the day. The Stony Run String Band, here for the second year, will bring bluegrass, country-gospel and folk music and will include music of the hammered dulcimer. Tom Pacl's Rosebud Ragtime Ensemble, which has drawn crowds to the Utopia Theater, will play music of the 'teens and '20s. Both groups will play twice, and other music is planned.

Artists and craftspeople come primarily from within a 10-mile radius of Greenbelt. Besides items for sale immediately, there will be opportunities to special order for later needs.

The fair is sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center, which receives a small donation from each participant.

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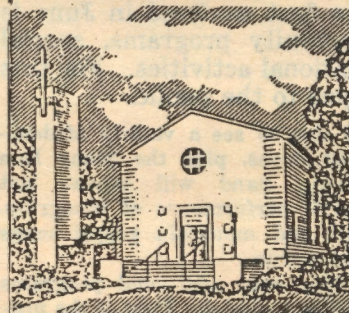
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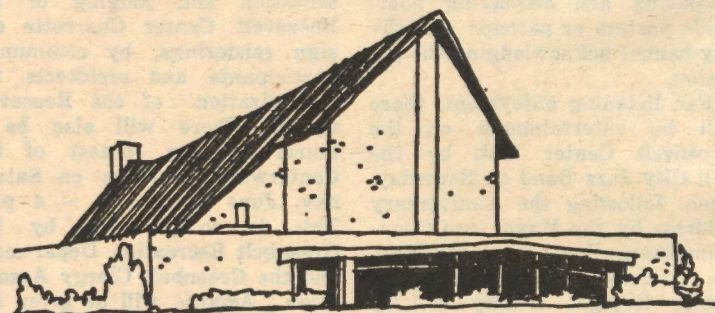
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Hardest Working Fire Fighters Feted

by Mary Lou Williamson

Hard work and devotion to duty were rewarded at the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad's thirtieth annual banquet held in March. Fran Crisman served as emcee during the evening. The fortunate lack of serious fires in this community makes it difficult for fire-fighters to show the stuff they're made of and earn awards for heroism. The Fireman of the Year Award for 1984 went to a young man, Bill Rowland, who "on his own initiative has done much around the station . . . painting the walls and generally fixing up," according to Fire Chief Mike Dutton.

Chief's Awards

Chief Dutton singled out Carl Anderson and Bobby Angel for outstanding junior awards, saying, "They've done a lot of good over the last year. They're both gentlemen." A special award went to Steve Wurtz, a county (paid) sergeant who was transferred to a different station. Bill Bayles, a technician who has been taking care of the apparatus and will retire in June, also received an award.

Top Runners

The year brought the entrance of the first woman on the coveted Ten Top Runners list. Running with the fire truck most times was Chris Fleshman (674 calls), Mike Wilson (650), Matt Weber (640), Bill Rowland (598), Ed Meier (532), April Walker



The Greenbelt Fire Department honors its life members (from left) Bob Mogel, Paul Rousseau, Dave Hissey, Mike Kerr, Kenny Stair, Ricky Wynkoop, Wayne Lewis, Jack Snoddy, Bill Dunn, and Mike Dutton.

— photo by Doug Sappington

(525), Carl Anderson (465), Ronnie Walter (450), Chuck Link (401), and Walter Maloney (393).

1984 Officers

Executive officers sworn in for the coming year were John Snoddy, president; William Bingham, vice president; James Bordas, secretary; Henry Wynkoop, treasurer; and trustees Michael Dutton, Paul Rousseau, Edward Hughes, and Robert Lauer.

Line officers installed for 1985 are Fire Chief Michael Dutton; Assistant Fire Chief Gene Davis; Deputy Fire Chief Jay Remenick; Captains Richard Wynkoop, Ed Meier, and Matthew Weber;

Lieutenants Frank Weigand and Sergeant April Walker.

President Jack Snoddy handed out awards to two trustees, James Bordas and Paul Rousseau, who had just completed two-year terms. A special award for 22 years of service as treasurer went to Francis B. Kolbenschlag, an appreciation plaque and some (new) money.

Service Awards

Life Members present were recognized for their years of service: Harry Atherholt, Skip Bingham, Gene Davis, Bill Dunn,

Mike Dutton, Vince Dutton, Dave Hissey, Ben Kolbanschlag, Robert Pergola, Jack Reynolds, Paul Rousseau, Gil Wiser, and Henry Wynkoop.

Bred Barrett, Danny Pierson, Chris Hunt, Bill Holland and John Rowland received 5-year service pins. Ten-year awards went to Wayne Lewis, Charlie Lentz and Dickie Wynkoop. Bill Dunn received a 15-year pin. Pins for 20 years went to Kenny Stair, Mike Dutton and Mike Kerr; for 25 years to Moe Palmerton and Dave Hissey; and 30 years to Paul Rousseau, Bob Mogel and Jack Reynolds. Jack Snoddy received a 35-year pin.

Ladies Auxiliary

This year's President's Award went to Nancy Remenick. Fire-lady of the Year went to Teresa Crisman.

Service pins were awarded to Betty Wynkoop and Betty Dutton, 30 years; Nancy Remenick and Margaret McKenney, 20 years; and Kathy Reynolds, 10 years.

Ladies' Auxiliary officers installed were Betty Wynkoop, president; Dot Varda, vice president; Nancy Remenick, secretary; Teresa Manuel, treasurer; Peggy Pergola, historian; Margaret McKenney, chaplain; and Peggy Manuel, guard. Pins as Life Members were presented to Betty Wynkoop, Cleo Dutton, Fran Crisman, Dot Varda, Margaret McKenney, Pauline Bordas and Nancy Remenick. Nancy Remenick was recognized with a Life Membership. Faith Palmer-ton, who was sponsored by the Fire Department in the Miss Greenbelt contest, and Teresa

Crisman. Greenbelt's contestant in the State Fire Prevention Queen Contest received thanks from the fire department and a small gift from the auxiliary. A gift was also presented to Betty Wynkoop with thanks for her just-completed year as president.

Saving the biggest gifts for the last, President Betty Wynkoop announced the purchase of 150 folding chairs with padded seats and backs for use in the fire department hall for banquets, bingo or meetings. She also presented the fire department with a check for \$5,000. The funds are generally used to purchase some needed equipment for the fire apparatus.

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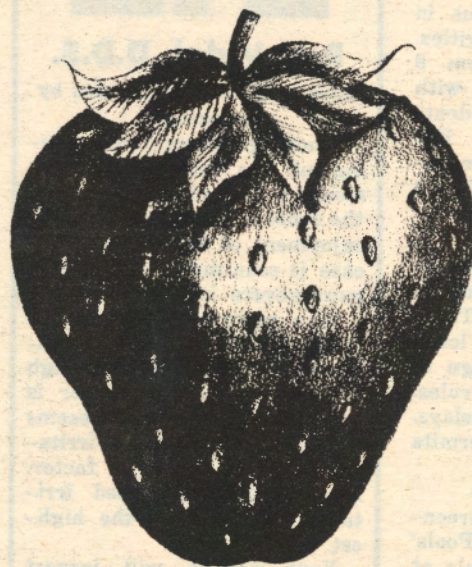
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Although the course is free, pre-registration is required. For a free Summer schedule and additional information, call Prince Georges Community College at 322-0158.

Stayin' Alive Assemblies

Roosevelt High School-Community Alcohol/Other Drugs Prevention/Intervention Team recently sponsored four assemblies at Eleanor Roosevelt High—one for each class.

The purpose of these assemblies: to warn the student body of the dangers involved with drug and alcohol abuse. A letter from Mrs. Nancy Reagan addressed to the Stayin' Alive assemblies said in part: "During the past several years I've spent time talking with young people all across the country about their experiences with drugs. Drug use turned them against their families and toward a world of pain and isolation... Every bit of effort you put into staying drug-free will be worthwhile. I hope each of you will say NO to drugs and will urge your peers and friends to say NO also!"

Recreation Review

Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Reduced price theme park tickets are available at the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office, Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale of these tickets are used for the conservation of parks and for recreation in the State of Maryland. Payment should be by certified check, money order or cash.

Camp Pine Tree

A summer camp is operated by the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation. Marking its 20th season, Camp Pine Tree offers fun and skill programs in outdoor and special activities. The camp will operate from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. with daily bus pickup for residents between 8 and 8:30 a.m. For further details call the Recreation Department, Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878.

Tennis Court Use

The city owns and operates tennis courts at both Braden Field and Lakecrest Drive. There is a sign-up board at both locations. All players must sign in as outlined by the posted rules. To avoid unnecessary delays, please check the posted permits for tournaments.

Swimming Pool Passes

Season passes for the Greenbelt Municipal Swimming Pools' 1985 season, are now on sale at the Treasurer's Office in the Municipal Building, Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The pool opens on Sat., May 25, 10 a.m. Compare our prices and save. Brochures are available at the Municipal Building and Recreation Centers.

Activities Information

Greenbelt's Recreation and Parks Activities are offered year round for all ages. For details regarding participation, registrations, services and special events, call the Recreation Department Business Office on the 24-hour information line: 474-6878.

Gray Panthers

Edna McClellan, Administrative Assistant to Representative Steny Hoyer, will speak on current legislation in Congress and answer constituent questions at a Gray Panther meeting Saturday, May 25, at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. All persons of all ages are invited. Free refreshments. For information or transportation call 474-6890.

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Of a more serious nature is the link shown between smoking and oral cancer. Although the exact cause of cancer is still unknown, evidence seems to indicate that chronic irritation is a primary factor. Among the recognized irritants, tobacco rates the highest.

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SEASON PASS RATES

	Greenbelt Resident	Non-City Resident
Single	\$35.00	\$ 65.00
*Family	\$80.00	\$140.00
Senior Citizen (62 years and over)	FREE	\$ 32.50
Guest Season Child Pass (per child)	\$50.00	N/A

NOTE: Single season passes are suggested for married couples with children under six (6) years of age

FAMILY PASSES: Print names of all members of your immediate family* over six years of age (including yourself) who are to receive passes. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult and are admitted free.

*FAMILY: Persons who reside at the same address who are related by blood or marriage or for which a family type of relationship has been established by court of law.

NON-RESIDENT SEASON PASSES will be offered to those living outside the Greenbelt city limits. The Non-Resident Family Season passes will be limited to 150 families per season.

GUEST CHILD SEASON PASSES are limited to house guests under 18 years of age of a resident family pass holder. Applications must be submitted to the City Manager for approval.

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	Greenbelt Resident	Non-City Resident
Adult (18 years & over)	\$2.00	\$2.50
Child (6 - 17 years)	\$1.25	\$1.75
and Under 5	FREE	FREE
Senior Citizen (62 years and over)	FREE	\$1.00

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SEASON PASSES may be purchased at the Finance Office (first floor of Municipal Building Addition), in person Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

AQUATICS PROGRAM GUIDE: Brochures, with complete listing of the 1985 season Aquatics Program Guide, are available at the Municipal Building and Recreation Centers.

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RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZEN	Free ()	NON-RESIDENT SR. CITIZEN	\$ 32.50 ()
GUEST SEASON CHILD	\$50 ()		

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Police Study

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lives and on their relationships with their families. He also noted that fixed shifts require considerable overtime to allow officers assigned to non-daytime duty to make court appearances.

The report assesses the city's crime rate as 12% higher than that of the average suburban city of comparable size. It also judges that the department's record in clearing offenses by identifying and arresting offenders could be significantly bettered by improving the use of physical evidence, creating a crime analysis capability, sharing more information with neighboring jurisdictions, and strengthening the crime prevention program.

The report also recommends that the title of Director of Public Safety, now bestowed on City Manager James K. Giese, be transferred to the Chief of Police. During discussion of this point during the April 11 work session, Giese did not seem perturbed at the prospect of losing this title since, as he said, the only power it confers is the authority to declare a fire lane. Giese went on to explain that the title was left over from a day when the city had its own fire department and the city manager, as public safety officer, was responsible for both the fire and police departments.

Employee Attitudes

At the work session, the attention of city council members focused on the section of the report dealing with employee attitudes. PAS used an anonymous questionnaire to elicit responses from department personnel about various aspects of the department and their jobs. Except for three persons who were on leave, PAS got 100% response to the questionnaire. Results were then computer analyzed by the Computation Center of the University of Chicago.

The report says that Greenbelt police employees, in general, find their jobs satisfying and rewarding. On questions relating to job satisfaction, adequate supervision, team membership, participation in decision making, citizen appreciation of the police and overall department leadership, Greenbelt employees' responses were significantly more positive than those of ten similar departments which PAS had also studied.

Not surprisingly, Greenbelt employees are very dissatisfied with their facilities. The PAS report agrees with them and recommends that new physical facilities for the department are necessary. In fact, PAS states that the department could not achieve accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in the department's present quarters.

Analysis of employee responses showed that Greenbelt employees gave positive responses with regard to their working relationships with fellow employees, their supervisors, and the police chief. More than 80% of the employees were more than satisfied with their immediate supervisor; almost 60% were more than satisfied with the police chief.

Relationship with City Council/Manager

The report states that an overall negative reaction was found for the working relationship of Greenbelt Police Department employees with the city council and the city manager. More than 70% of the survey respondents thought that the working relationship with the city council needed improvement and nearly 60% thought im-

Library Holds Open House

To celebrate its 15th anniversary, the Greenbelt branch of the Prince Georges Public Library will hold an open house on Saturday, June 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Besides exhibits and information about library services, there will be films beginning at 1:30 p.m. One is "The City," a film made for the 1939 World's Fair, which features the "New Town" of Greenbelt. There will be numerous short films for children. The Tugwell Room, which features Greenbelt history, will be open.

Friends of the Greenbelt Library will serve refreshments and have an information table. For other details of the day, call the library at 345-5800.

Improvement was needed in the relationship with the city manager. At the work session, Belmio said that such negative views of city administration were "pretty normal" and might be a function of the situations that PAS was asked to study. In fact, the study found that Greenbelt police department employees are somewhat less negative in their feeling about the city manager than the employees of other police departments studied.

City council members at the work session were obviously a bit chagrined to find themselves on the bottom of the police employees' approval list. Councilmember Edward Putens expressed concern about the employees' view of the council. On the other hand, Councilmember Richard Pilski insisted that the council doesn't come in contact with the department "that much," attributing this separation to "a strong city manager."

Participatory Management

According to the study, the employees felt that, ideally, the council and city manager should play less of a role in determining police objectives and that individual officers should play a greater role in that process. Employees felt that the chief of police, police commanders and the citizens are participating at close to ideal levels in establishing departmental goals. Employees would like to participate more fully in the process of developing methods, procedures, policies and programs.

PAS found that the atmosphere in the Greenbelt department is one in which personnel are ready and eager to implement changes and provide input into the change process. PAS, therefore, recommended that the department adopt participatory management techniques since the positive views of employees regarding their jobs would be a sound base for such techniques.

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These first practices are usually chilly and are held in the deep end of the pool. Younger children might want to wait until morning practices begin.

The coach strongly urges parents to make sure their children have goggles. The Recreation department reminds parents who come onto the deck of the pool to watch practice to remove their shoes.

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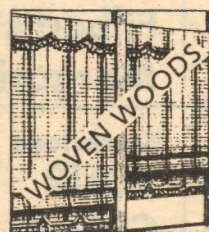
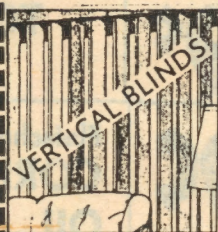
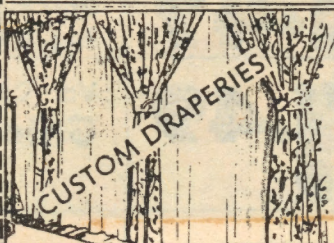
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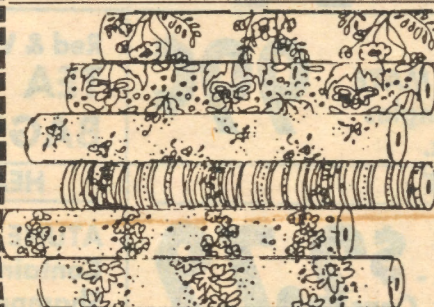
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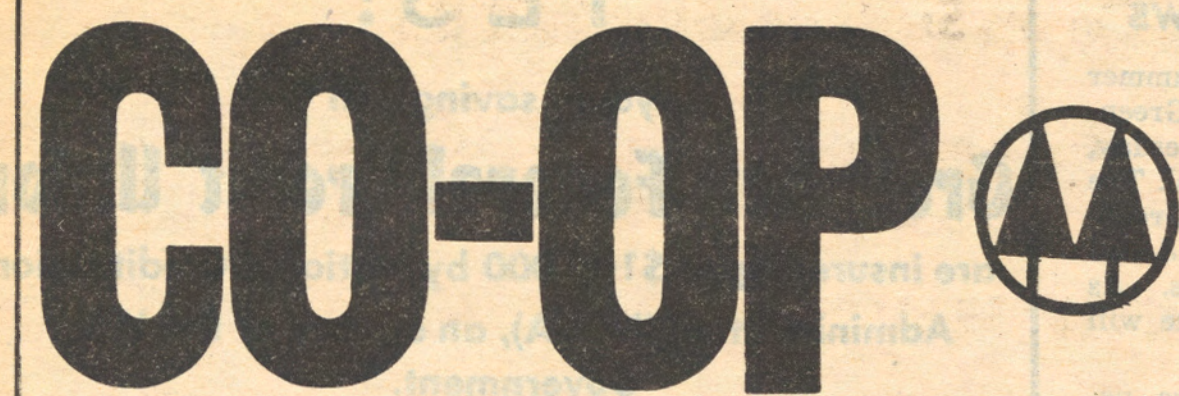
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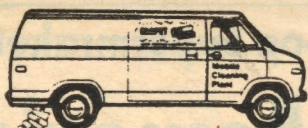
Congratulations to Laura Butler, 14 Court Laurel Hill, who graduated on May 18 from the University of Maryland with a B.S. degree in business. Laura completed her degree while working full-time as a nurse at the National Institutes of Health.

We are happy to report that Andrew Hanyok of Northway is recovering nicely from his triple by-pass open heart surgery on April 25.

This is the season for awarding of college degrees. Joseph E. Yakupkovic I. son of John E. and the late Josie E. Yakupkovic of Lastner Lane, received his Doctor of Philosophy in chemistry from Pennsylvania State University on May 19. Dr. Yakupkovic and his wife, the former Sheila Winters of Lastner Lane, reside in Murcerville, N.J., where he is employed by Union-Camp Company.

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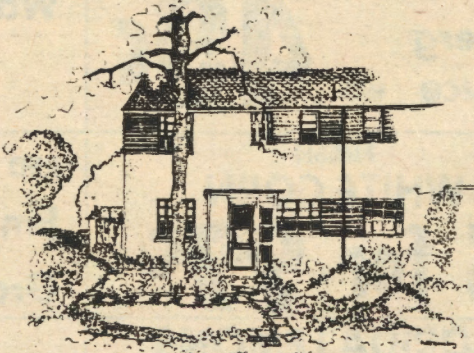
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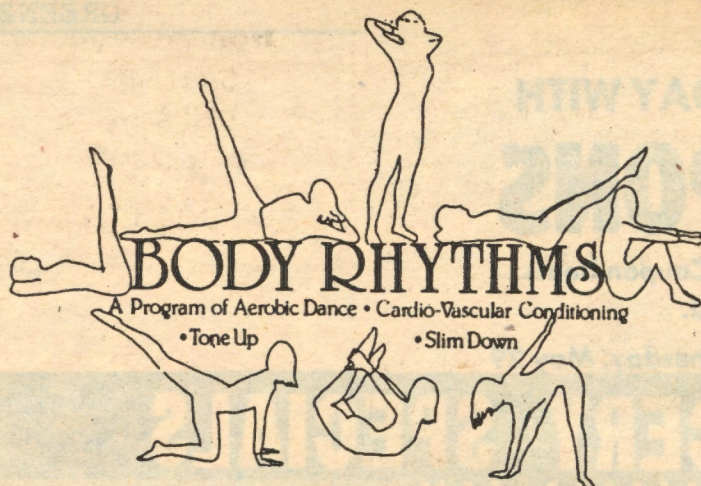
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GHI BOARD MEETING

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday
May 30, 1985
8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Certification of Elections
3. Reorganization & Election of officers
4. Approval of Membership Applications
5. Visitors and members
6. Manager
7. Committees
 - a. Schedule for summer meetings
 - b. Street Improvements - Gardenway & Westway
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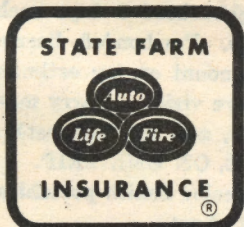
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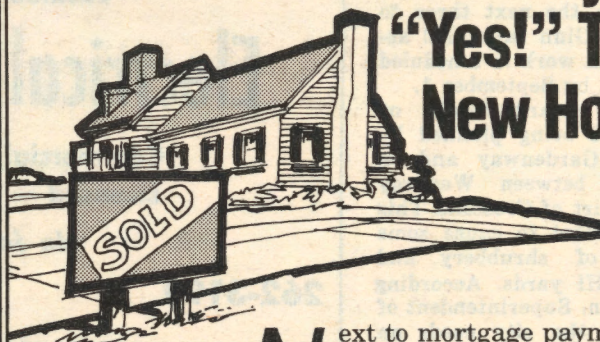
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by Mavis Fletcher

May 9 was "Goodbye" night at the meeting of the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Four members of the board and the audit committee are not running for reelection. President Margaret Hogensen spoke of board member Don Volk's 14 years of service to the corporation as president, vice-president and chairman of the Finance Committee, and of Frank Gervasi who has also served in the last two positions. She also pointed to the service of Katherine Keene, long-time member of the Audit Committee, and of Leo Hool, also a member of that committee. Volk, in a brief farewell speech, said that he was pleased with the board and how it had developed. He also recommended that the Finance Committee be reconstituted to make it a more workable committee. Gervasi thanked the staff for its support, emphasizing the satisfaction he had gotten from participating in the board.

The board also said "goodbye" to another large chunk of money for asbestos removal. According to General Manager Ron Colton, inspection of the crawl spaces of the frame units and attached boiler rooms revealed that the asbestos covering on hot water lines has not been removed.

During rehab, these hot water lines were abandoned but left in place. Colton also informed the board that an examination of the rehab contracts with the firms putting in the new hot water service did not cover removal of asbestos or the old plumbing. Therefore, the corporation is faced with removal of asbestos insulation from some 57,000 feet of pipe. With a suspension of the rules, the board passed for first and second reading an authorization to contract for the removal of this asbestos for an amount not to exceed \$250,000. All votes were unanimous.

This contract, added to the one approved on April 25, brings the corporation's bill for asbestos removal to more than one-half million dollars. According to Comptroller Don McGinn the money will come from a portion of the expected patronage dividend from the National Cooperative Bank (NCB) and working capital reserves, which, he said are ample to cover the expenditure. The working capital reserves can be replaced over the next three to four years, McGinn said. All asbestos removal work is scheduled to be finished by September 1.

The board heard details of street repairs being planned by the city on Gardenway and on Ridge Road between Westway and the 4 Court of Crescent. This work is expected to cause some disturbance of shrubbery and hedges in GHI yards. According to Joe Whelan, Superintendent of Maintenance, the city needs an 8-10 foot easement on Gardenway. The board reserved comment on the plans until after the city's public hearing on May 20.

In other actions, the board granted an exemption from the occupancy criteria to a member who requested permission to have a friend share his unit. Since the member did not claim financial hardship (the basis on which some other exemptions have been granted), the board split on the issue. Directors Don Volk, Debbie Hardwick, Janet Cantwell and Frank Gervasi voted to grant the exemption; Directors Wayne Williams, Mac Wirick and Ray McCawley to deny it. Wirick sta-

lations Committee that is currently examining this part of the occupancy criteria, complained that the board is changing the proposed criteria before the committee can meet.

The board also adopted the comptroller's suggested allocation of 1984 reserves; among smaller adjustments in the reserves, the stabilization reserves were increased for both the frame and masonry homes from the NCB cash dividend received in 1984. In a related action, the board established an ad hoc committee to study GHI's reserve and working capital needs and to recommend a policy for reserves.

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by Willimina G. Lawrence

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series on the Springhill Lake Elementary School Diagnostic Wing program. Lawrence's byline was inadvertently omitted last week.)

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which he calls "fun." Science is most effectively taught through everyday experiences. In Class A-5, David learns about molecules by stirring sugar into water and then letting it sit until it crystallizes.

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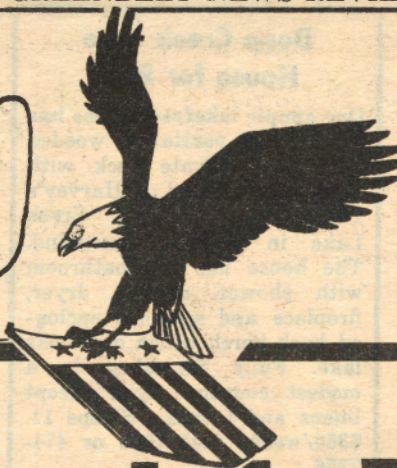
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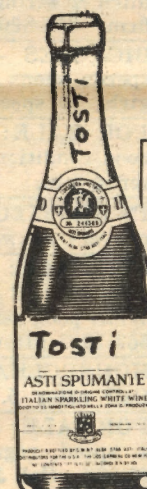
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